

REMARKS

By the amendments above, claim 14 has been amended, and claims 22-24 have been cancelled. Claims 14-21 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that with these amendments, neither Willams, Teicher, nor Biffar, alone or in combination, anticipate nor make obvious the claimed invention.

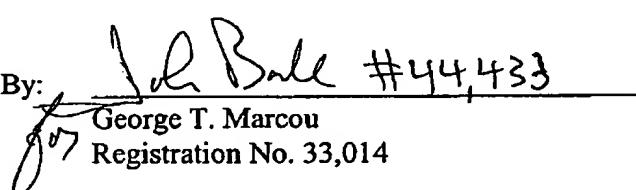
Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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